

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today released the following statement in response to President Barack Obama's threat to veto H.R. 4348, legislation funding U.S. Transportation projects responsible for millions of American jobs. H.R. 4348 passed the House today by a veto-proof margin of 293 to 127. Only 292 votes are required to make legislation invulnerable to a presidential veto. The president opposes H.R. 4348 because it transfers authorization power over the Keystone XL Pipeline from the president to FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

"The House of Representatives passed this legislation by a veto-proof margin. □ The president's veto threat doesn't have any teeth."

"Taking a stand against this legislation – just because it puts Keystone in other, more capable hands, is irresponsible. □ The president is positioning himself against millions of jobs – highway, road, and transportation infrastructure jobs, as well as those that the Keystone XL Pipeline would create."

"Rising gas prices are hurting American families' budgets, and they're looking towards Congress for a real solution. □ Vetoing a privately-funded pipeline that will create tens of thousands of American jobs, and bring secure energy resources into our country is a no-brainer for most people," □ Terry said.